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Title: Need to set up a sea port at Baruni Muhan in Kendrapara district, Orissa.

SHRIMATI ARCHANA NAYAK (KENDRAPARA): I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Shipping and Road Transport about the urgent need for setting up a port at Barunei Muhan, in my constituency, Kendrapara in Orissa.

Barunei Muhan is situated in the Kendrapara district and located at 150 kilometers from Bhubaneswar. Barunei Mohan was a port during the medieval period. Geographically it has a very suitable location for becoming a port. It is deep without having any under current. Towards the north of Barunei Muhan there are extensive stretches of unoccupied land and forests. On the South similarly, there is a vast stretch of uninhabited land of more than ten thousand acres. In the year 2000, the Government of Orissa had declared Barunei Muhan as ideal for any proposed port.

Development of the above port will go a long way in the economic development of the people of the area. Since a lot of thrust is being given for the industrial development in the State, the setting up of the Barunie Muhan Port will help in boosting export and thereby create employment opportunities for the people.

Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to take urgent necessary action to set up the Barunei Muhan Port at the Kendrapara district in Orissa.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The issue the hon. Members want to raise is a State matter. But, as a special case, I am allowing two hon. Members to raise the issue.

Firstly, I would call Shri Shailendra Kumar.